

## FLORICULTURE

The 2002 wholesale value of floriculture crops produced in Arizona was up 2 percent from the revised 2001 valuation. The total crop value at wholesale for all growers with \$10,000 or more in sales is estimated at \$31.0million for 2002, compared with \$30.4 million for 2001. California is again the leading State with crops valued at \$962 million, down 4 percent from the previous year. The top five States; California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, and Ohio, account for \$2.62 billion, 54 percent of the total value. There were 32 growers in Arizona, down 2 from the previous year.

The total wholesale value of floriculture crops grown by operations exceeding the \$100,000 sales level reached \$27.4 million in 2002, up 3 percent from the revised 2001 total of \$26.5 million. These operations, which comprise 47 percent of all growers, account for 88 percent of the total value of floriculture crops.

Total covered area for floriculture crop production was recorded at 3.2 million square feet, slightly above last year. Open ground usage totals 381 acres, up from 380 a year ago.

### Floriculture: Number of Growers, Growing Area, & Wholesale Value, All Operations with \$10,000+ Sales, 1996-2002

Year	Total Number of Growers	Covered Greenhouses			
		Glass	Fiber Glass	Film Plastic	Total
	Number	Thousand Square Feet			
1996	23		263	758	1,021
1997	42	17	418	1,528	1,963
1998	39	12	914	1,197	2,123
1999	35	10	1,124	1,123	2,257
2000	31		1,145	1,093	2,238
2001	34	5	867	1,462	2,334
2002	32	8	880	1,444	2,332

  

Year	Shade and Temporary Cover	Total Covered Area	Open Ground	Expanded Wholesale Value - Reported Crops Only
	Thousand Square Feet		Acres	Thousand Dollars
1996	407	1,428	254	22,787
1997	696	2,659	394	32,235
1998	771	2,894	291	41,447
1999	654	2,911	323	43,837
2000	653	2,891	294	27,706
2001	853	3,187	380	30,430
2002	868	3,200	381	31,044